

Election / Restriction

The Office Action has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I, claims 1 and 2, drawn to proteins comprising SEQ ID NO:1 and proteins comprising SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 514, subclass 12.

Group II, claims 3-5, drawn to cDNAs comprising SEQ ID NO:3, cDNAs comprising SEQ ID NO:4, and cDNAs comprising SEQ ID NO:5, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of **Group I** (SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected subject matter of the nucleic acids or proteins in one or more divisional applications.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. In addition, claims 3-5 have been cancelled, and new claims 6-14 have been added. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 6-14 will be pending in the instant application.

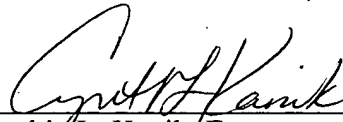
Support for the amendments to claims 6-14 may be found in the claims as originally filed and throughout the specification. In particular, support for claim 6 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, lines 11-18; support for claim 7 can be found in the specification at least at page 4, lines 21-24; support for claim 8 can be found in the specification at least at page 10, lines 16-20 and lines 23-26; support for claim 9 can be found in the specification at least at page 9, lines 18-26; support for claim 10 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 13; support for claim 11 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 8; support for claim 12 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 8; support for claim 13 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, line 21 to page 4,

line 8; and support for claim 14 can be found in the specification at least at page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 20, and at page 18, line 24 to page 19, line 3. Amendment or cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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